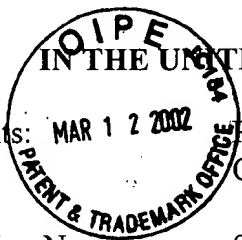


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Richard L. Frank, Michael J. Cusson, Joydip Kundu, and Daniel E. O'Shaughnessy

Application No.: 09/321,090 Group: 2153

Filed: May 28, 1999 Examiner: Walter Benson

For: A QUORUMLESS CLUSTER USING DISK-BASED MESSAGING

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(COL. 1)		(COL. 2)	(COL. 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	21	MINUS	* 20	1
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\* not fewer than 20  
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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$9	\$ 0
X \$42	\$ 0
+ \$140	\$ 0

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$18	\$ 18
X \$84	\$ 252
+ \$280	\$ 0

TOTAL = \$ 270

Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for the following fees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Petition for [            ] month Extension of Time	\$ _____
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A check is enclosed in payment of the following fees:

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☒ A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 6, 2002